



# MARIJUANA – BUFFER REDUCTION STUDY

## JUNE 8, 2016

KAN MEETING



# ZONING CODE AMENDMENT

## BUFFER REDUCTIONS FROM LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS

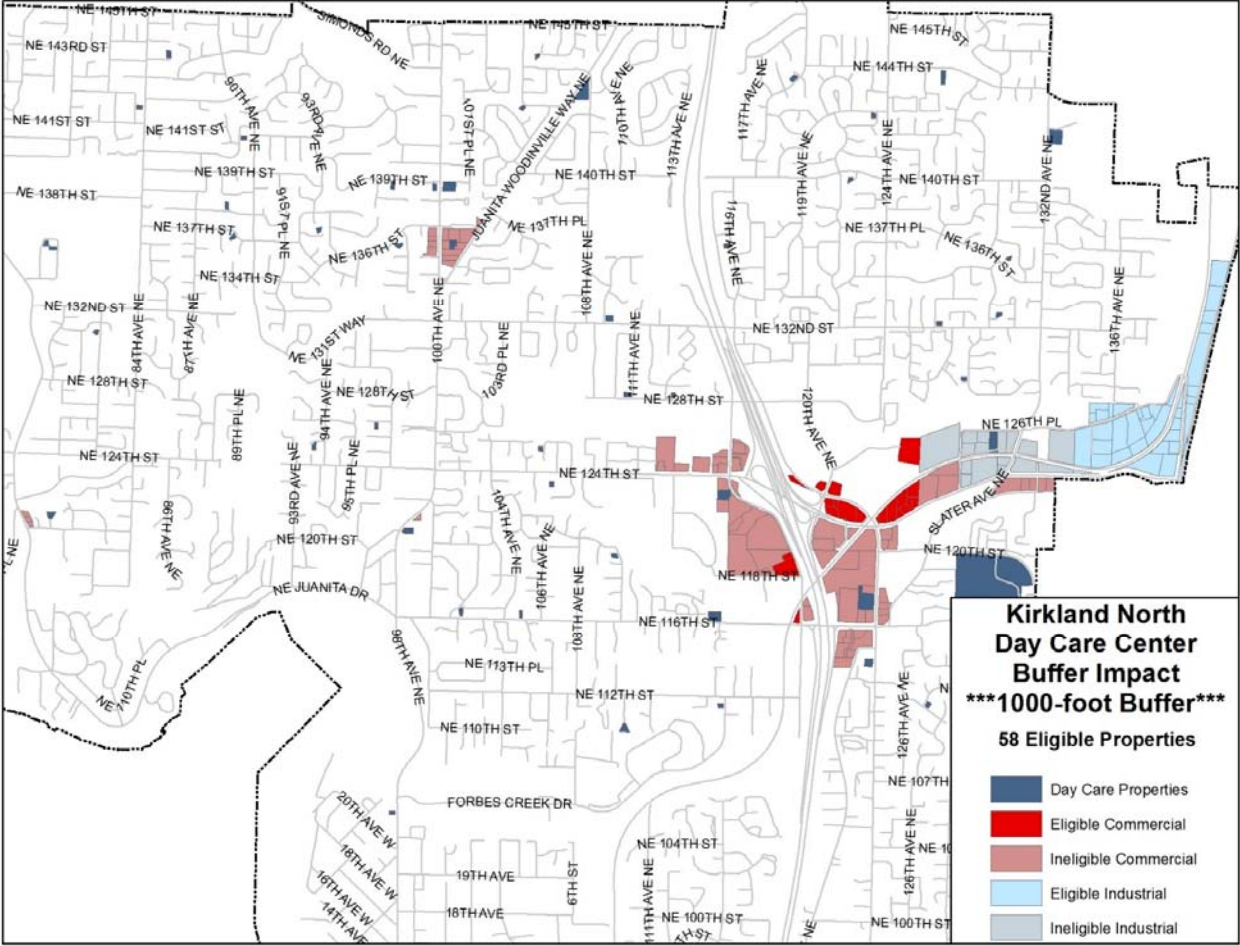
### ■ **Background:**

- New state legislation (July 2015) amended rules to allow local jurisdictions to modify buffer distances from all defined restricted uses *other than public schools and playgrounds*
- Buffers may be reduced from 1,000 feet to no less than 100 feet from:
  - Recreation centers or facilities
  - Child care centers
  - Public parks
  - Public transit centers
  - Libraries
  - Game arcades

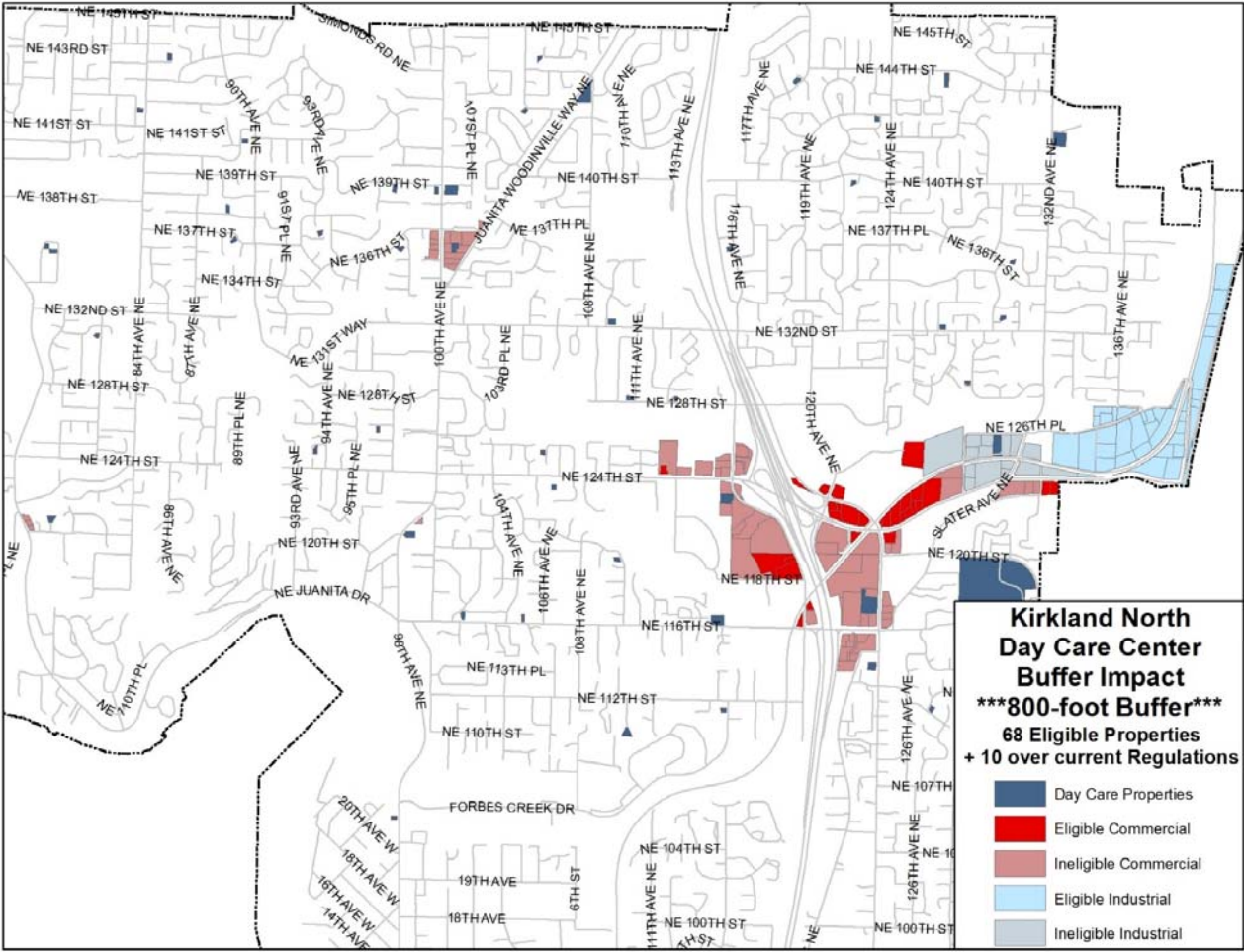
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- **Kirkland City Council supports efforts for flexibility – added Zoning Code amendment task to work program for Spring/Summer of 2016**
- **Council direction:**
  - Study revisions to buffers from day care centers
  - All other buffers and restrictions would remain (no marijuana retail in Market Street Corridor, no marijuana retail along school walk routes, etc.)
- ***Current project: develop amendments to reduce buffer for marijuana retail businesses from licensed child care centers***

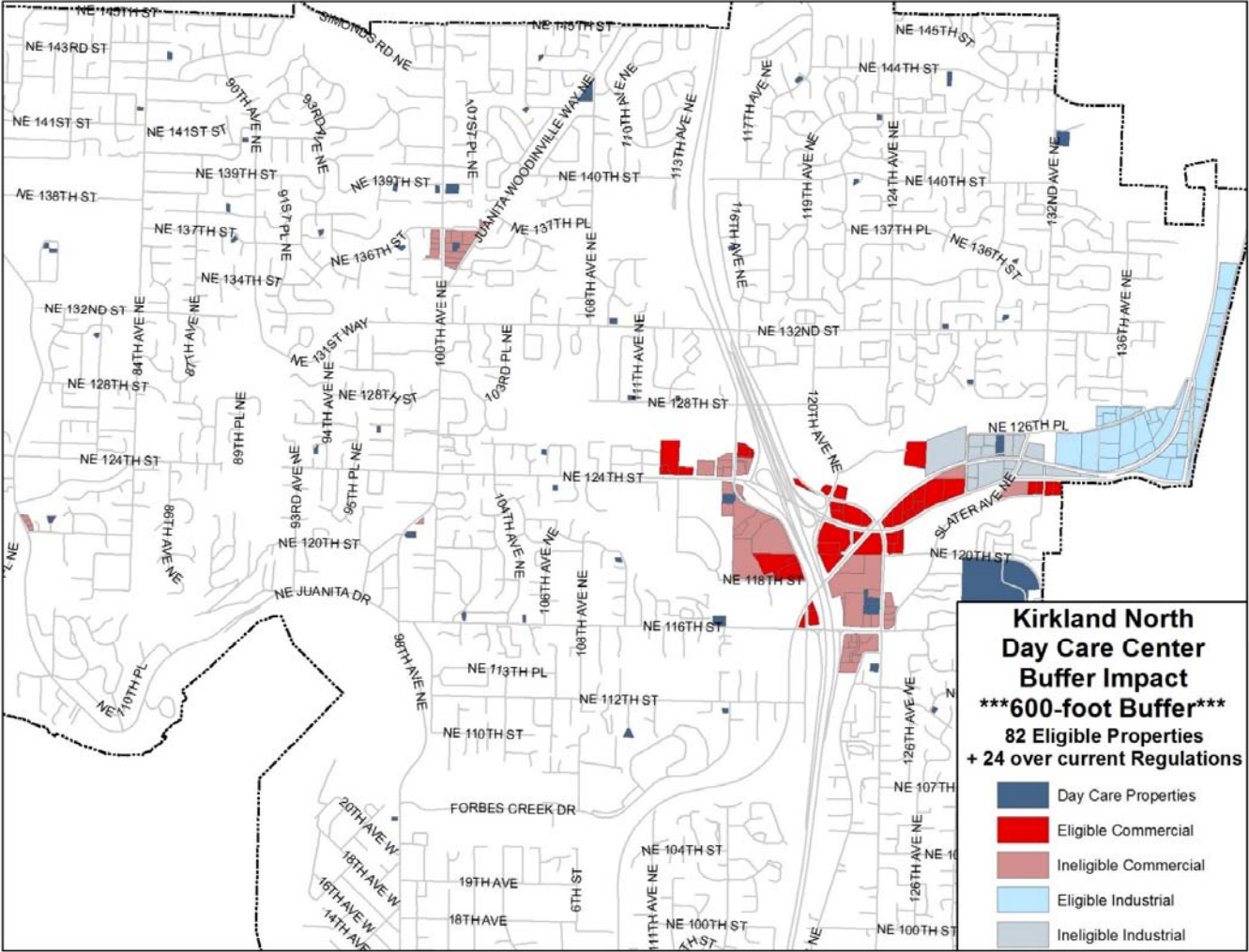
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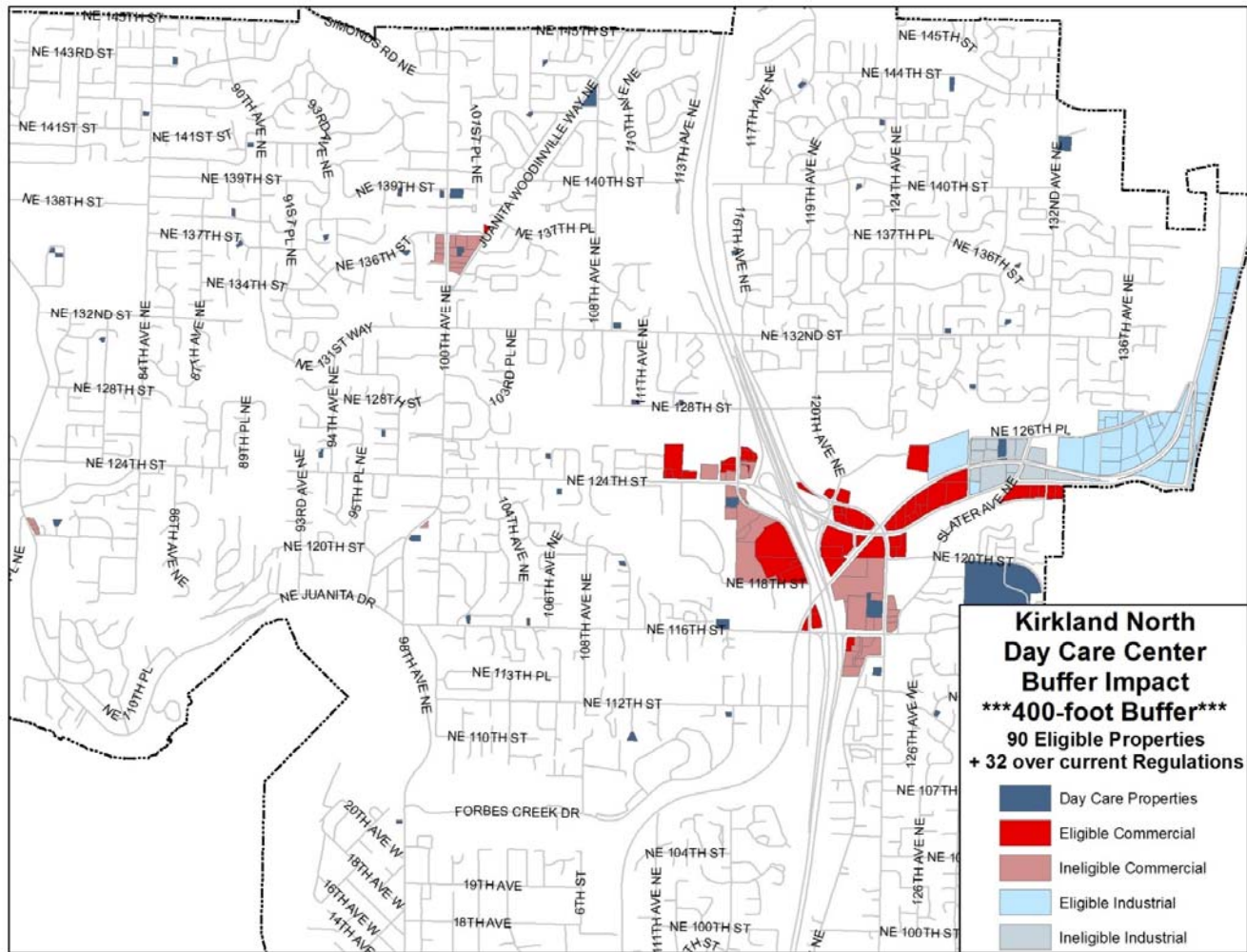


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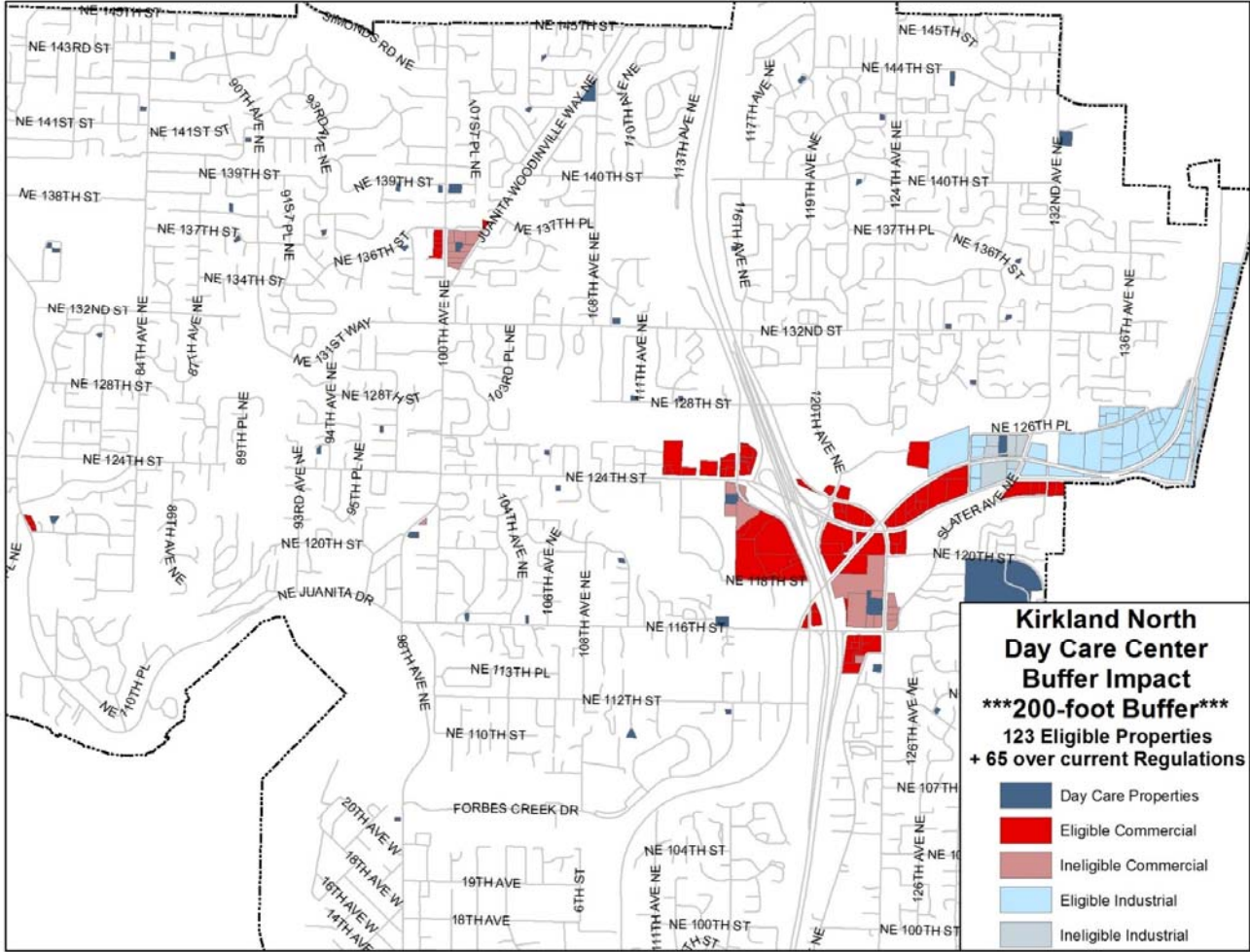




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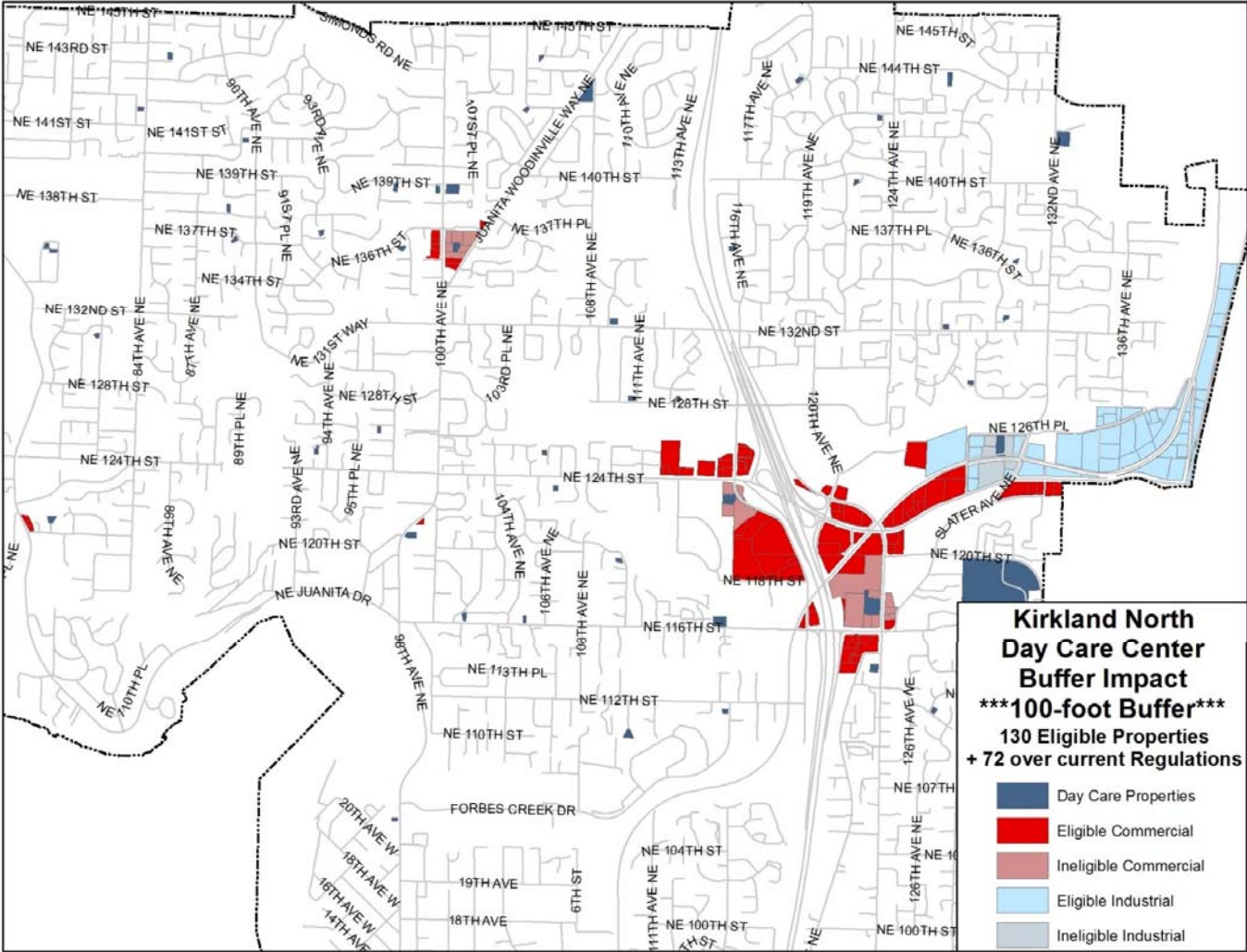


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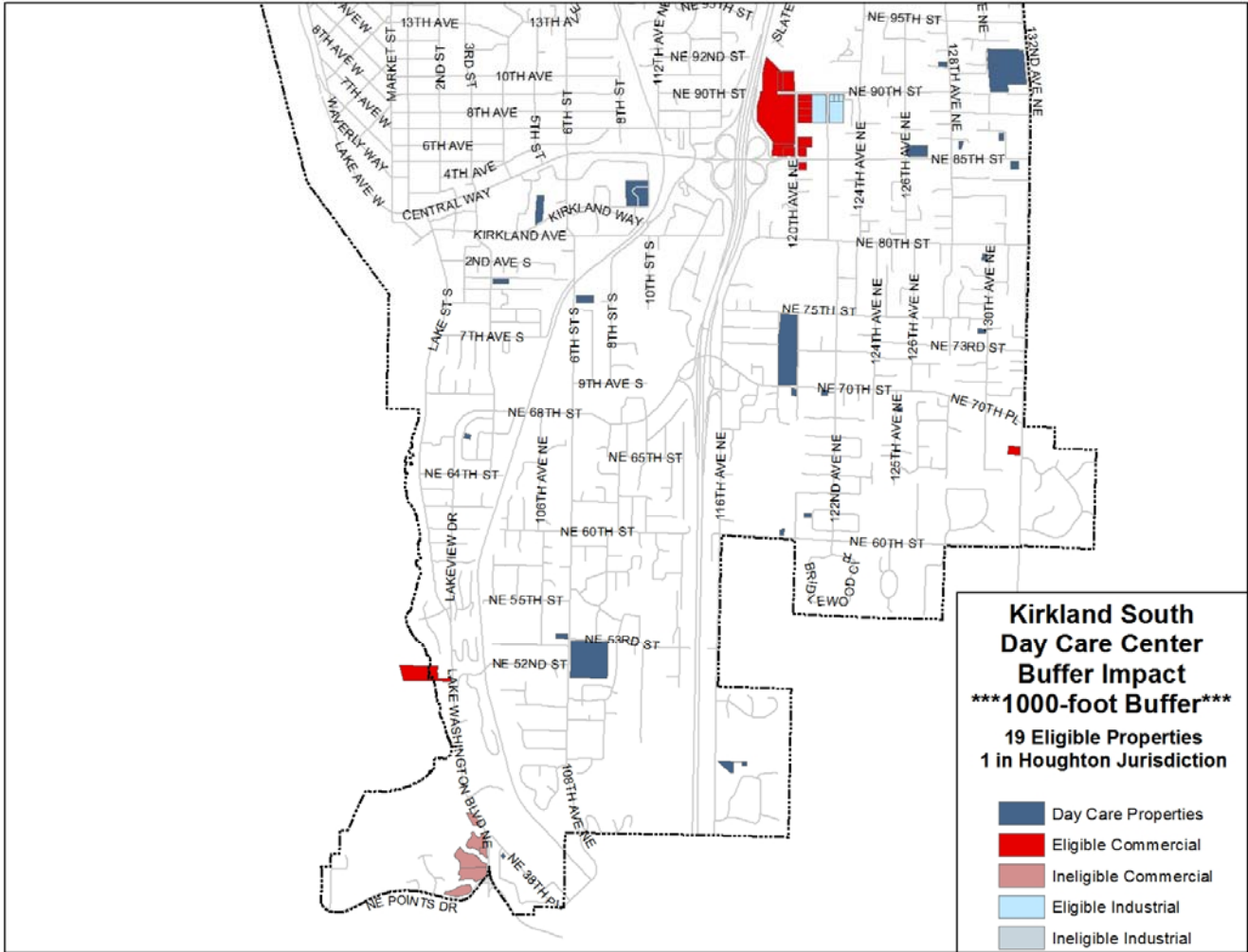




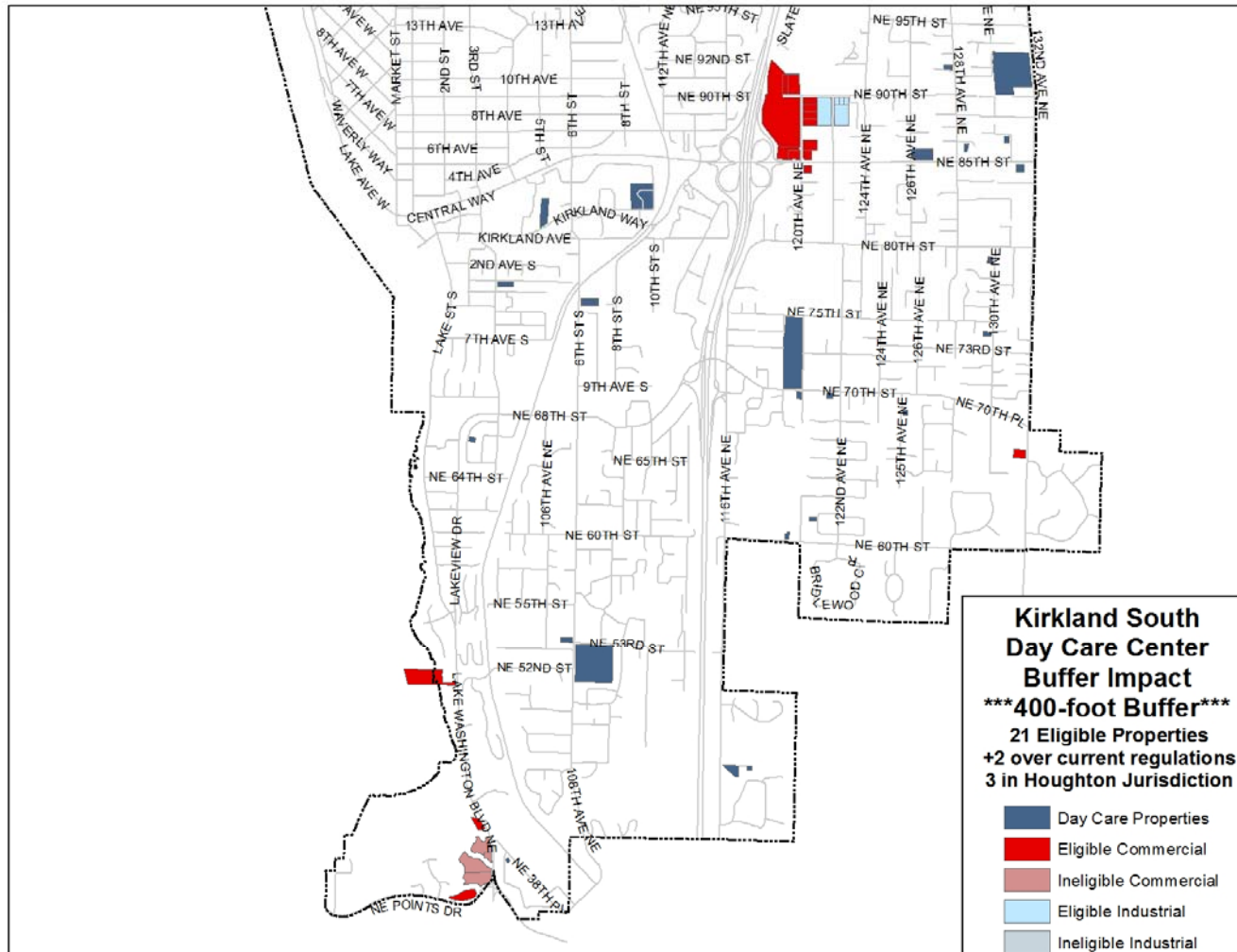
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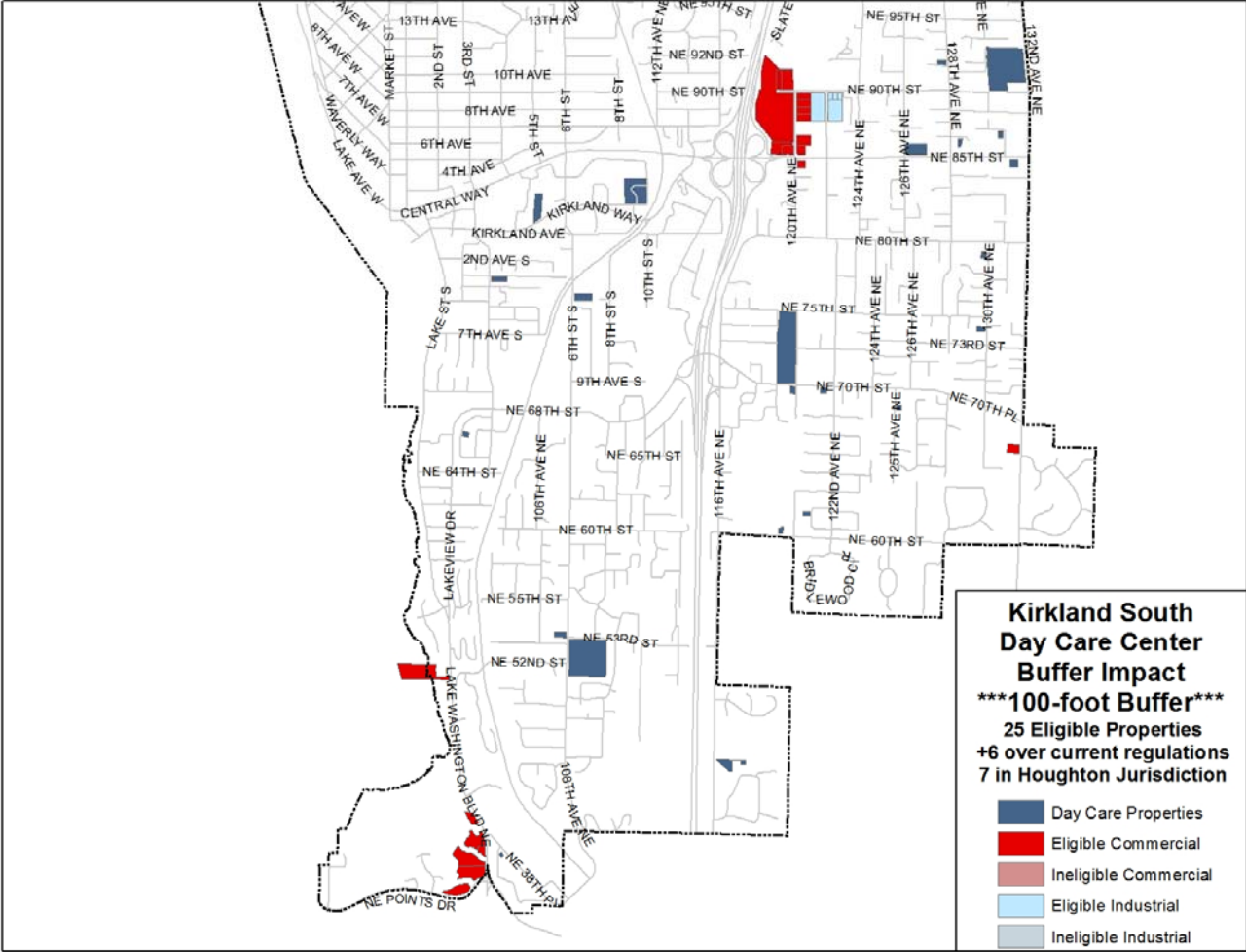
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| Area                        | Eligible Parcels                                      |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|                             | Buffer Distance from Licensed Child Care<br>(in feet) |     |     |     |     |     |
|                             | 1,000                                                 | 800 | 600 | 400 | 200 | 100 |
| North Kirkland              | 58                                                    | 68  | 82  | 90  | 123 | 130 |
| South Kirkland <sup>1</sup> | 19                                                    | 19  | 19  | 21  | 21  | 25  |
| Total Eligible<br>Parcels   | 77                                                    | 87  | 101 | 111 | 144 | 155 |
| Within<br>Houghton          | 1                                                     | 1   | 1   | 3   | 1   | 7   |





## CONCLUSIONS

- Many of the new eligible parcels are located in the Totem Lake Business District
- North half of city: greatest increase between 400 and 200-foot buffer (33 more)
- South half of city: greatest increase between 400 and 100-foot buffer (4 more)

## OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION – PUBLIC HEARING

Planning Commission/HCC study session in May – defined options to consider at hearing:

1. Reduce buffer from licensed day care uses from 1,000 to 100 feet
2. Reduce buffer to be less than 1,000 but more than 100 feet

**Public hearing:                  June 23**

**City Council action:        August 16**